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because we got it just before lunch. At first glance it looks as if it is all right to do it.

The only other item is just for information. That is, DCI 2/1 is over on Mr. Forrestal's desk and we don't know how long it will be there.

ADM. INGLIS: You had another item all tied up with that same argument. The preparation of NIS.

DIRECTOR: The NIS, that is going on now. There is a joint group doing this work for the NIS program which could continue to do it. And since this Navy-Air dispute is within the Military Establishment and doesn't materially affect the NIS program, they will keep on doing what they are doing.

ADM. INGLIS: As far as I am concerned it is all right with me if the air information is produced by the AID, which is a joint Navy-Air Force enterprise, and as long as they continue to function and produce those things for the NIS we can let this decision about responsibility ride until Mr. Forrestal puts out his clarifying directive. If that isn't satisfactory we had better go ahead with this.

GEN. CABELL: I don't see quite what you mean.

DIRECTOR: It is going along all right now and I don't think you should interrupt it.

ADM. INGLIS: That is all right with me, but I thought it was coming up for discussion today. This volume here is an outline of the NIS, and on one page it gives the tentative allocation of responsibility for the preparation of NIS. There are four items here which I believe the AID is working on. One has to do with civil air facilities, another has to do with military air business, etc. It is the type of work that AID is working on now. Now Navy has dissented from allocating the responsibility of that to the Air Force without any qualifying phrases. That dissent is still in a state of inanimate suspension and has not been reconciled because it is tied up with this business which is on Mr. Forrestal's desk. I don't think you care particularly as long as the work is continued.

DIRECTOR: You can't continue very long without this thing being settled.

ADM. INGLIS: Not indefinitely, but if you are willing to let it rest in that state of inanimate suspension as to the designation of responsibility, but that AID continue to produce the work, and are going to continue the work, that is acceptable.

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GEN. CABELL: We would propose to continue working on the basis of this allocation under the assumption that after that inanimate suspension it would be along the same lines.

ADM. INGLIS: That is where I differ. I can't agree with that assumption. We would agree that the decision go the other way. That is where the conflict is.

GEN. CABELL: It seems to me, in any case, it would come to an overlap.

ADM. INGLIS: There is no need for an overlap because it is AID stuff we are talking about.

GEN. CABELL: I don't see any reason to expect us contemplating the changing of that allocation. That is the best evidence there is right now.

ADM. INGLIS: That allocation has not been formally agreed to and if the lack of a formal agreement interferes with the work, then it is serious and should be resolved right away. But if it is not we can continue.

GEN. CABELL: I don't see how the lack of an agreement on this point could affect the continuation of the MIS program.

DIRECTOR: We would like to have it continue. Have you anything else, Prescott? Anybody else anything? We will call the meeting over. (2:45)

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